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Four Alpha Lima Alpha – Field Day 2018

4A LA was a common phrase heard at the Farm of Steve (AF5VR) and Mel Webre for this year's 2018 ARRL Field Day. What a weekend!! The members of the AARA had another strong year for this annual event and we closed out the weekend with over 1000 contacts (1222 Preliminary Count) thanks to all of the participants that came out to operate. Special thanks to Steve and Mel who made this venue possible.

I think the highlight of the weekend was the number of new and soon to be new hams that showed up to participate. All of them were able to interface with club members, ask questions, and most importantly, get some mic time. Some sat down for the first time behind the radio and there was a hesitant look about their eyes but after only a few contacts, all were operating like well-seasoned veterans.

Typically, Field Day wouldn't be complete without a sizable thunderstorm or some high winds, but this year, we had fantastic weather. Albeit a HOT one, we did manage to keep a nice warm breeze for the entire weekend. During the course of the 2 days, we experienced ZERO major malfunctions but we did manage to identify a few small areas where improvements could be made.

I would likely skip a few folks if I called out every person who attended, but at one point we had 25 folks on the property, with a few folks coming and going. From the location, to the food, drinks, conversations, and laughs...this year's event was a big success.

Overall, I think we had another successful year and we are already looking forward to next year's event. I would like to thank each one of you who participated and came out to support the AARA, because we couldn't have done it without you.

Sincerely,
Chris Ancelet – N5MCY

Field Day 2018

Explore. Dream. Discover. ~ *Mark Twain*

AARA GENERAL MEETING

July 5, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Lafayette Science Museum 433 Jefferson St. Lafayette, LA

www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

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DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

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Lafayette Science Museum

433 Jefferson Street

Lafayette, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>**Local 2-Meter Nets**

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM

146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net 7:00 PM

145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM

145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM

146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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Silent Key Memorial Net

Danny KD5JSM has agreed to pick up the Silent Key Memorial Net that was held on the 145.410 repeater on Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. However, it will now be held on the 146.820 repeater at 7:00 PM until the 145.410 repeater in Lydia is repaired. The net calendar has been updated and can be viewed at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news.htm>

We thank Danny for taking on picking up this net.

Herman

KN5GRK

AARA General Meeting**7 July 2018**

The General Meeting began about 7:15 PM and was opened and conducted by Club President Chris Ancelet N5MCY. Club Treasurer Tom Dischler W5OHJ led the group the opening prayer. Chris led the groups in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance after which Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF recited the pledge in Cajun French.

Chris reminded the group that minutes of last month's Board Meeting and General Meeting were published in the LARC. A motion to accept the Board Meeting minutes was made by Tom Dischler W5OHJ and seconded by Al Pringle KE5UPM. A motion to accept the General Meeting minutes was made by Galen Wilson KF5BET and seconded by Danny Daigle KD5JSM.

Tom presented his Treasurer's Report to the group. A motion to accept the report was made by Kathy Daigle KD5TJZ and seconded by Derek Meche WM5TS.

Club Survey

Chris presented the results of his survey request to the membership. He stated he had received 22 responses to the 111 survey requests that were sent out.

Avery Island Special Event

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP gave a brief summary of last month's Tabasco Sauce Special Event held at Avery Island and expressed his thanks to all that participated in the event. Steve Webre AF5VR recognized and thanked Glen for his efforts in putting this event together.

QRZ Web Pages

Chris informed the group that he has taken over maintenance of the club's W5DDL, W5EXI and K5CMA pages on QRZ and LOTW.

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June 2018 VE TEST SESSION



Test Session Results 26 June 2018

We had a test session at the Lafayette Science Museum for the folks taking the Technician Class. It was fairly successful in as much as there were 4 who came out with a General Class.

Those earning a Technician License were: Keith Faulk of Abbeville; Andre L. LeMaire of Lafayette; Charlene C. Chauvin & husband Albert J. Chauvin of Lafayette; Wilton J. Meaux of Breaux Bridge; Paul T. Holcomb of Maurice; and Benjamin Crosier of Cade.

Those earning General were: Blaire A. Michel of Youngsville; Jess E. Crosier of Cade; Michael A. Cavell of Youngsville; and Jeff P. LeBlanc of Youngsville.

The Ves in attendance were: Greg ~ K5LFT, Dave ~ N5ELM, John ~ W4HVB, 7 Galen ~ KF5BET.

All in all it was a very good evening & I believe we will have some repeat customers in the near future. Much thanks to the Ves for their always wonderful assistance, & Congradulations to all the new HAMS.

73 de, GREG ~ K5LFT



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Additionally, David McCutcheon KG5JHR is working on building an updated web site. Chris asked that anyone with web site design experience that would like to manage or assist in this effort should contact Chris or David.

FT-8 Demo

Chris presented a short video demonstrating how to make contacts using the FT-8 digital software.

Mentorship Program

Chris gave a brief overview of his concept of a mentorship program where club members, especially new members, could contact other members for assistance in specific amateur related topics. He will provide a signup sheet for members to identify the topic(s) they are interested in assisting with.

D-Star Shirts

Extra shirts from the D-Star forum are available from Keith Barnes W5KB for \$10 each.

Field Day 2018

Chris gave an update on arrangements for Field Day activities which will be held at the farm of Steve Webre AF5VR in Church Point. Food, cold drinks and water will be provided by the club. Members are requested to bring their headsets if they plan to operate.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom W5OHJ and Chris adjourned the meeting at ~8:20 PM. There were 19 in attendance.

Prepared by David McCutcheon

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Youth CW Academy

The CWops club has added a new program to its popular CW Academy. For young people between 11 and 19 years old, there is a Youth CW Academy program focused on them. They learn in age-peer groups using the same method from CWA. The key advantage is they learn with other kids and are encouraged to get on HF CW and participate in contests and to ragchew with their age peers. CWops conducted two pilot semesters of YCWA and it works.

If you know someone in that age group who is interested in attaining CW skills and on-air competence, have them go to the regular CWA signup page: <http://cwops.org/cwa-student-su.html>

There is a field for indicating age under 20 and another field for entering one's age. If the under-20 field is asserted ("yes" reply), the application is automatically routed to YCWA for assignment. CWops is working very hard to keep CW vibrant. In 7 years, the beginner, intermediate and advanced courses have served over 5000 learners. Now, we are focused on increasing the number of younger CW operators and getting the increasing average age of hams to stop and begin going down from its current 60+ years.

If you have any questions, email me (k6rb58@gmail.com). RobK6RB

13 Colonies Special Event to Mark 10th Anniversary this Year

06/26/2018 ARRL.org

The annual Original 13 Colonies Special Event will mark its 10th anniversary this year. The event gets under way on July 1 at 1300 UTC and runs through July 8 at 0400 UTC. Event Manager Kenneth Villone, KU2US, reports that 127,132 contacts took place during the 2017 13 Colonies event, down from 139,772 in 2016, owing in part to poor band conditions.

Special event stations with 1 × 1 call signs will represent the original 13 US colonies, plus bonus stations WM3PEN in Philadelphia and GB13COL in Durham, England. Each special event station will have its own QRZ.com profile page. Participating stations try to contact all 13 Colony Stations plus the two bonus stations. Call signs and their respective states are K2A, New York; K2B, Virginia; K2C, Rhode Island; K2D, Connecticut; K2E, Delaware; K2F, Maryland; K2G, Georgia; K2H, Massachusetts; K2I, New Jersey; K2J, North Carolina; K2K, New Hampshire; K2L, South Carolina, and K2M, Pennsylvania.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/13-colonies-special-event-to-mark-10th-anniversary-this-year>

Curtis Keyer Chip Developer Jack Curtis, K6KU, Silent Key



06/15/2018

The developer of the groundbreaking Curtis Morse keyer chip, John G. “Jack” Curtis, K6KU (ex-W3NSJ), of Granite Bay, California, died on June 4 after a long illness. An ARRL member, he was 87.

Growing up in Bradford, Pennsylvania, Curtis became fascinated with the “magic” of Amateur Radio as a youngster, and it eventually would become his career. After receiving a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Penn State in 1952, he was employed by Sperry Rand, served in the US Navy in Japan, and worked for Corning Glass — earning three patents — and for Signetics.

On his own time, Curtis started Curtis Electro Devices on the side in 1968 and marketed his prototype electronic Morse iambic keyer — the EK-38 — which had “dit” memory. The follow-on EK-39 had “dah” memory and weight control, and later models offered a small scratch memory.

Putting the electronics on an IC chip revolutionized CW keying. The first Curtis keyer chip was the 8043 in 1973. The 8044 family of chips followed, to include the 8044, 8044B, 8044M, 8044BM, and, finally, the 20-pin 8044ABM, produced in 1986. It incorporated A or B iambic modes, and output for a speed meter. In their heyday, Curtis chips were at the heart of an array of commercial memory CW keyers — Curtis’s last keyer, produced in 1982, was the Lil’ Bugger. Curtis chips also were incorporated into amateur transceivers and were favorites of homebrewers, who could construct their own keyers around Curtis chips with a handful of additional components. Curtis Electro Devices also developed and manufactured memory chips for the nascent cellular industry. The advent of microcontrollers stalled demand for keyer chips, and MFJ later purchased the 8044 line. Curtis Electro Devices closed in 2000.

Curtis is survived by his wife, Mary Ann. A service was held on June 14 in Oklahoma City. — Some information from “A History of Curtis Keyers,” by Brad Mitchell, N8YG (August 2016 issue of QST)

Slidell EOC Hamfest Saturday July 21, 2018

Location: John Slidell Park Gymnasium
105 Robert Blvd
Slidell, LA.

Admission: \$5.00 (includes 1 Raffle Ticket free)

Talk-in: 147.270 repeater +600 PL 114.8

Website: <http://www.w5sla.net/hamfest-2018.htm>

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Hamfest Flyer: <http://www.w5sla.net/2018%20Slidell%20Hamfest%20Flyer-01-color.pdf>

Public Contact: Paul Strickland, WB9SUG
Email: hamfest@w5sla.net

SLIDELL EOC

HAMFEST

2018 JOHN SLIDELL PARK 105 Robert Blvd, Slidell, LA 70458

Saturday July 21, 2018 8am - 2pm

ADMISSION: Adults: \$5 (Includes 1 Raffle Ticket) - 12 & Under: Free

* Talk-in: 147.27 MHz (+600 Hz) PL 114.8 Hz * ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest * Unique Local Attractions



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2018 Slidell EOC HAMFEST. Browse the latest from our featured vendors.
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MFJ Enterprises
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Bamcom
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FLEA MARKET

Tables (Approximately 3' x 8') - \$10
(Does not include cost of admission)

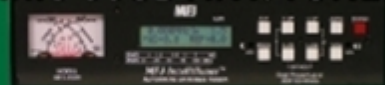
MAIN PRIZES



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ID-4100A



MFJ-993B ANT. TUNER



great location
with
easy access

ATTRACTIONS

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Fox Hunt (146.565 MHz)
Great Food
New & Used Radios
Ladies Raffle
Free Parking

ARRL VE TESTING

Technician, General & Amateur Extra Class

Testing Fee: \$15

Test session will be held at the

Latter Day Saints Building

480 Robert Blvd, Slidell, LA at 8:30 a.m.



MORE INFO:

www.w5sla.net/hamfest.htm

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June 2018 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	0	Ø		N5KNY Paul
Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net	4	34	34		KF5FNP Glen
Silent Key Memorial Net	4	25	62		KD5JSM Danny
Youth Thursday Night Net	4	0	0		KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

~~~ Mark Twain

### AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Beginning January 1, 2018, the net will not rotate between repeaters but the Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater only.

During 2018, if you check into the net you will receive one (1) point, and if you stay for the 73 round, you will receive an extra point for a total of two(2). At the end of 2018, persons with the top score will receive a nice prize from the club. In case of a tie, a drawing will be held to chose a winner.

In case of a repeater failure, the alternate receiver will be the W5EXI repeater.

The July 2018 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website.

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

| DATE:      | TIME:   | REPEATER:     | PL TONE: | NCS          |
|------------|---------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| 06/02/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Danny KD5JSM |
| 06/09/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Paul N5KNY   |
| 06/16/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Eric KG5JHP  |
| 06/23/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Chris N5MCY  |



#### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

|       |        |         |
|-------|--------|---------|
| 07/01 | N5UA   | CHARLES |
| 07/04 | N5MJL  | MICHAEL |
| 07/07 | K5OVM  | ZACHARY |
| 07/18 | N5YCS  | JOY     |
| 07/19 | AI5O   | STEVE   |
| 07/22 | N5RLM  | RICK    |
| 07/23 | KD5QYV | KRIS    |
| 07/27 | KD5JCT | CALVIN  |
| 08/06 | W9HUT  | ALTON   |
| 08/07 | KF5PCH | JAKIE   |
| 08/09 | KF5FNP | GLEN    |

### REGION 4 ARES / SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 ARES / SkyWarn Net will take place on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater in Lafayette. Net Control Operators will alternate each week. You do not have to be a ARES member to participate. In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The July schedule can be found at this link:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5.

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

|                         |             |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Tour de Teche           | October 5-7 | various locations |
| Rice Festival – Crowley | October     | possible event    |
| Cajun Cup               | November 10 | morning hours     |
| Veterans Day            | November 10 |                   |

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### Southern Bacon-Fried Cabbage

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6 slices thick bacon, chopped         | 2 tsp seasoned salt |
| 1 large onion, chopped                | ½ tsp black pepper  |
| 3 gloves garlic, chopped              | ½ tsp garlic powder |
| 1 large head cabbage, cored & chopped | ½ tsp onion powder  |

Cook bacon in a large cooker until crisp. Remove bacon onto paper towels, and drain grease from cooker, keeping about 2 Tablespoons of grease. Using the same cooker, add the grease you retained and fry the onion over medium heat until it is soft (about 5 minutes). Add garlic and fry an additional 2 minutes. Stir in the cabbage, and stir and cook for about 4-5 minutes. Add seasoned salt, black pepper, garlic powder, and onion powder. Mix well.

Turn heat to low, cover, and simmer, stirring occasionally, for about 30 minutes. Just before serving, add bacon and mix well. Serve hot.

This is a flavorful side dish that is easy to make and you will want to make it over and over again!!

### FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/ vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/ VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlyec>

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Washington, DC 20554